



Virginia Aviation Board  
Workshop Meeting  
OCTOBER 22, 2002

MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2001, 3:00 P.M.  
THE WYNDHAM HOTEL, 4700 S. LABURNUM AVENUE, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23231

MEMBERS PRESENT

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman  
John G. Dankos, Jr.  
Robert H. Neitz  
Emit F. Yearly  
Bob L. Johnson  
John V. Mazza, Jr.  
William J. Kehoe  
Roger L. Oberndorf

OTHERS PRESENT

Airport Managers and Sponsors, Department of Aviation staff, FAA staff, Consultants, Virginia Resources Authority staff

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order.

Mr. Cliff Burnette gave a presentation on project eligibility for the General Aviation Airport Security Certification Program. (See Attached). The Board asked Mr. Burnette to revise some of the language before presenting his recommendations at the Wednesday Board meeting.

Mr. Ramsey ask the Board to consider the Program as a two step process: 1<sup>st</sup>, develop the elements of the Program, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, address Program funding at a later date.. Airports were encouraged to develop a security program, and in order for that to happen they have to become secure. Each airport is required to adopt a security plan and pass a security audit in order to become a Secure Virginia Airport. If airports attain both elements, they will be eligible for funding.

Mr. Ramsey explained that the Governor requested the Board to cut the Capital Airport Fund 2002-2003 by 15%, reducing FY 2003 funding to \$14,233,010.79. With the 25% cap, the maximum allocation available to any one airport for FY 2003 is \$3,555,752.70. Funds available for allocation by the Board for Entitlements, AC/Reliever Discretionary, and GA Discretionary total \$13,796,416.71. Mr. Ramsey was asked by the Governor not to allocate any money other than \$540,000 for debt service on the VAB loan.

Mr. Macfarlane discussed the budget reduction plan, and an anticipated grant schedule that was presented to the Governor, in hopes it would help release some funds prior to the Board meeting. (See attached) He mentioned that Aviation Special Funds are being managed on an item by item basis.

Concern was expressed about State funds that were necessary to match FAA grants. He mentioned that the Department of Planning and Budget had been informed of the importance of maximizing the flow of FAA funds to aviation projects. FAA funds are expected to remain available until September 30, 2003.

Mr. Bland discussed changes to Commonwealth Airport Fund, originally requested during the August meeting, as a result of funding freezes and the 15% budget reductions. (See Attached)

Mr. Macfarlane discussed several issues, including: past funding commitments; future funding commitments; cash balances in the Aviation Special Fund; and the \$3.5 million in savings from the cancelled Aviation Worlds Fair.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENTS